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SUBJECT: ANTITRUST: VOLUNTARY INFORMATION REQUESTS SENT
TO JAPANESE ELECTRONIC FIRMS

1. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ) HAS INFORMED DEPARTMENT
THAT IT SENT OUT VOLUNTARY REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION TO
SEVEN JAPANESE ELECTRONICS FIRMS THE END OF MARCH. REQUESTS
ARE IN CONNECTION WITH AN INVESTIGATION OF POSSIBLE VIOLA-
TIONS OF SECTION 1 OF THE SHERMAN ACT INVOLVING VIDEO
RECORDING EQUIPMENT LICENSING AGREEMENTS BETWEEN AMPEX,
A U.S. FIRM, AND THE FOLLOWING JAPANESE ELECTRONICS FIRMS:
TOKYO SHIBOURA ELECTRIC CO., LTD. (TASHIBA) WHICH IS
PARENT OF TASHIBA AMPEX CO., LTD; MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC
INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD., WHICH IS PARENT OF VICTOR CO.
(JAPAN), LTD.; SHIBA ELECTRIC CO., LTD. (HITACHI ELEC-
TRONICS, LTD.); SANYO ELECTRIC CO., LTD; Ikegami Tsushiki
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CO., LTD.; AKAI ELECTRONIC CO., LTD.; AND SONY CORPORATION.

2. JUSTICE HAS ALSO CONTACTED NIPPON ELECTRIC THROUGH
ITS U.S. SUBSIDIARY, BUT IT HAS DECLINED TO COOPERATE IN
THE INVESTIGATION. MOST OF THE OTHER COMPANIES HAVE BEEN
IN TOUCH WITH DOJ THROUGH THEIR LEGAL COUNSEL AND HAVE MADE
APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS. INVESTIGATION IS FOCUSED ON

AMPEX AND NOT REPEAT NOT ON THE JAPANESE FIRMS.

3. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO INFORM SECOND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION SECTION, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, OF THE ABOVE ACTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH 1967 OECD RECOMMENDATION ON NOTIFICATION OF ANTITRUST ACTIONS AFFECTING INTEREST OF OTHER MEMBER COUNTRIES. PLEASE REPORT ANY REACTIONS.
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